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- (b) whether qualified medical officers are employed in these estates ;
- (c) whether schools are maintained in these estates ; if so, in how many ;
- (d) how many cases of the coolies running away from the estates have been brought to the notice of the Magistrate ;
- (e) the reasons for their so running away ; and
- (f) whether there is suitable housing accommodation for these coolies ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information as regards the total number of estates in the Nilgiris. The number of coolies employed there is 12,000.

(b) On the larger estates there are hospitals or dispensaries in charge of apothecaries or sub-assistant surgeons. Smaller estates utilize the hospitals in adjoining estates and the services of the medical officers attached thereto.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (2) of question No. 997 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held in October last. There is no information regarding the number of estates in which schools are maintained.

(d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement on page 5 of G.O. No. 793, Law (General), dated the 8th March 1924, which was placed on the Editors' Table.

(e) The Government have no information.

(f) All labourers except members of the jungle tribes are housed free in brick, stone or laterite buildings roofed with tiles or iron.

Forests.

Recruitment to the Indian Forest Service.

331 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a notification in the Development Department in the *Fort St. George Gazette* that four officers of the Indian Forest Service have been appointed by the Secretary of State and have arrived at Bombay ;

(b) whether the Local Government made any recommendations for the recruitment of these officers ; and

(c) what the appointments are which have necessitated this recruitment to the Imperial Service from England ?

A.—(a) The notification was issued by the Government in the Development Department.

(b) The Government were consulted as to the number of officers of the Indian Forest Service to be allotted to this Presidency in 1924.

(c) The Indian Forest Service in this Presidency was 13 short of the sanctioned cadre at the end of 1924. The officers in question were recruited to fill four of these vacancies.

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Alleged extortion of money by watchmen of forest reserves in Salem and Trichinopoly districts.

332 Q.—MR. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Manmalai, Perumbali, Madu, Vellikattuvalas, Mangumalai, Paishurmalai, Kallurandanmalai in the Trichinopoly and Salem districts belong to the forest reserves of Kollimalai and Pachaimalai;

(b) whether the Government have received complaints that the watchmen unlawfully lay hands on the cattle of the villagers and resort to extortion of sums of money; and

(c) whether the cattle have to pass through these hillocks on their way to and from the lands of the villagers who own the cattle?

A.—(a) & (c) The Government have no information.

(b) Yes.

Grazing offences in the Nilgiris district.

333 Q.—MR. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of grazing offences in the Nilgiri district for this year;

(b) whether the Government propose to organize forest panchayat early;

(c) whether Kurumbas are given free lands from the forest; and

(d) whether any representations have been received about their ill-treatment by forest subordinates?

A.—(a) The most recent figures available are for the year 1923-24 during which the number of grazing offences in the Nilgiris was 139.

(b) It is not at present proposed to extend the panchayat system to the Nilgiri district.

(c) The Government have no information.

(d) No.

Railways.

Enhanced railway rates for materials supplied to local bodies.

334 Q.—MR. P. ANJANEYALU: Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the enhanced railway rates for materials supplied to local bodies; and

(b) what steps the Government propose to take to have the same reduced?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government cannot interfere in the matter as the rates are within the authorized maxima fixed by the Government of India.

Decision of the Railway Board regarding Light Feeder Railways.

335 Q.—MR. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: With reference to answers to question No. 1157 and supplementary questions given on 13th November 1924, will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have

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received any communications about the decision regarding the general policy of the Railway Board and if so, to what effect; and if the answer is in the negative, whether the Government have taken any steps to expedite the matter?

A.—The decision of the Government of India is still awaited. They are being reminded.

Civil Justice.

Arrears in the Munsif's Court, Tenkasi.

336 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that there are large arrears on the file of the Munsif's Court, Tenkasi, and that, in spite of transfer of several cases to the Munsif's Court at Tinnevely, these arrears continue to exist; and

(b) whether the Government will investigate into this matter and find out whether there is any need for an additional Munsif's Court at the place?

A.—The Government have no information: they will request the hon. the Judges of the High Court to consider the question.

Rules regulating transfer of Sarishtadars, etc.

337 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any Government Order or departmental rule under which persons holding the chief ministerial appointments in civil courts, such as the Sarishtadars of the district courts and sub-courts, are required to be transferred to other courts at least once in five years;

(b) if so, whether he will lay a copy of the same on the table of the Council;

(c) whether the above order or rule has been strictly observed in practice ever since the promulgation of the same;

(d) the reasons with full particulars with reference to the cases where the said order or rule has not been followed or observed;

(e) how long the Sarishtadar of the Coimbatore District Court has been serving in the Judicial Department at Coimbatore; and

(f) from which date he has been serving as the Sarishtadar of the Coimbatore District Court?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 721, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 5th July 1917, placed on Editors' Table.

(c), (d), (e) & (f) The Government have no information.

Criminal Justice.

Assault on the first-class Subdivisional Magistrate, Saidapet.

338 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 18th of November 1924 one Vajjiravelu, a remand prisoner, assaulted the Subdivisional First-class Magistrate, Saidapet (Mr. T. P. K. Sastry);

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(b) whether the Police searched the prisoner's person before he was taken to the court from the sub-jail;

(c) whether it is true that the prisoner was in remand for over six months and that he alleged this as the motive for the assault;

(d) the nature of the offence with which he was charged which necessitated his detention in jail for such a long period;

(e) whether the Government have satisfied themselves that there was no avoidable delay in the disposal of the case and, if there was any such delay, what action has been taken against the officers at fault;

(f) how many days after the assault the original case against the prisoner was disposed of and by whom;

(g) the punishment awarded; and

(h) whether any prosecution was launched in connexion with the assault and with what result?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) The charge was house-breaking and theft after a previous conviction. There were 30 prosecution witnesses and the accused made no attempt to engage legal aid for cross examining witnesses till the case was well advanced.

(e) The Government have examined the Court diary and have not found that there was avoidable delay in the disposal of the case.

(f) The assault was on the day when the arguments of the defence were being heard. Judgment was given six days later by the Court.

(g) The first accused was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 200, in default to further imprisonment for six months—three months of the sentence were to be passed in solitary confinement.

(h) Yes. The accused was sentenced to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment.

Second-class magistrates and evidence in English.

339 Q.—MR. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to authorize at least some magistrates of second class in South Arcot district to take down evidence in the English language as has been done in some other districts?

A.—The Government have received no proposals in the matter.

Disposal of petty criminal cases.

340 Q.—MR. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: With reference to the answer to question No. 1240 given on the 18th November 1924, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) if the Government have come to any decision on the matter of petty criminal cases and if so, to what effect; and

(b) if no decision has been arrived at yet, whether the Government have passed any interim orders as to the disposal of such petty cases as are not taken cognizance of by the Police and which cannot under the High Court rulings be tried by village magistrates?

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- A.—(a) The matter is under correspondence with District Magistrates.
(b) The Government did not think it necessary to pass any interim orders.

Irrigation.

'Short crop' in the Kistna Western division.

341 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYALU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Government have received any representations regarding the scheme for 'short crop' in the Kistna Western division;
(b) what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon; and
(c) whether the Government are aware that this scheme affords irrigation facilities for an area of about 10,000 acres and greatly relieves the distress of the military pensioners and people belonging to depressed classes who are granted lands in the vicinity?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

- (c) An area of about 40,000 acres is available for the extension of early short crop in the Kistna Western division. The question of the extension of short crop irrigation will be considered after the results of the higher shutters now being installed at the Kistna Anicut are known.

Lowering the height of the road in Uthamaseri village, Trichinopoly.

342 Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether there is a proposal to lower the height of the road by about 3 feet in Uthamaseri village, Trichinopoly, to a length of about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles and to construct a road dam;
(b) whether the effect of it will not be to submerge nearly thousand acres of rich, wet nanja lands and to render them unfit for cultivation and to demolish and destroy several houses and temples; and
(c) whether any enquiry in the villages affected was made and whether the consent of the villagers affected was obtained before the proposal was approved?

A.—(a) There is a proposal to construct a surplus escape approximately as described.

- (b) The level of the escape has purposely been kept high in order to discharge only exceptional floods.

It is calculated that the escape would have discharged on only 50 days in the past 35 years. The escape is intended to take the place of the existing low bank which has necessarily been kept low as a breaching section to safeguard the Grand anicut works during exceptional floods. The controlled discharge spread out over a considerable length with a small depth is not likely to do serious harm while an uncontrollable breach is dangerous.

(c) No.

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Water-supply for irrigation under Red Hills and Sholavaram tanks.

343 Q.—MR. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether water was supplied for irrigation under Red Hills and Sholavaram tanks for first and second crops from September to February and March to June respectively during the years 1922 and 1923 as required under G.O. No. 205 L., dated 21st May 1908;

(b) when the water-supply for irrigation under Red Hills and Sholavaram tanks was commenced this year, and whether the crops under the Sholavaram tank have not partly suffered owing to the late supply of water from the tank, while the crops under minor irrigation tanks have fared better;

(c) whether the present level of water in the two tanks permitted water being supplied for irrigation this year for the first-crop till the end of February and for the second-crop from March to June, and for how many months under each of these two tanks;

(d) whether, in view of the improvements to be effected, better arrangements are made to secure the rights and privileges of ryots irrigating under these two tanks for supplying water as required under G.O. No. 205 L., dated 21st May 1908, for first crop (from September to February) and for the second-crop (from March to June) regularly; and

(e) whether the Government are aware of any complaints from the ryots irrigating under the Sholavaram tank that their supply is cut off much earlier than under the Red Hills tank, and that water is not properly distributed and regulated between the two tanks?

A.—(a) Water was supplied to the Red Hills and Sholavaram tanks during 1922-23 and 1923-24 as follows :—

	Red Hills tank.	Sholavaram tank.
1922-23	... December 1922—June 1923.	September 1922—June 1923 (with short breaks).
1923-24	... November 1923—April 1924 (with short breaks).	November 1923—March 1924 (with short breaks).

(b) In 1924-25 water is being supplied from 7th December 1924 up to date from both the tanks. Reports show that the crops have not suffered.

(c) Water will be supplied from the Red Hills tank until the level goes down to + 38 or 1st July whichever happens earlier; water from Sholavaram tank will be supplied till the level falls to + 46.64.

(d) Irrigation interests will be safeguarded as far as possible.

(e) Yes.

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Remission of land revenue in Neelamangalam taluk.

344 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Kiranoor and Neelamangalam anicuts across the Gomukhi river in Kallakurchi taluk, South Arcot district, are situated close to each other ;

(b) whether the construction of the Kiranoor (upper) anicut has prejudicially affected the irrigation of lands under the Neelamangalam (lower) anicut by considerably diminishing the spring water which the latter have been getting ;

(c) whether it is a fact that in fasli 1333 there was failure of crops in Neelamangalam village ;

(d) the number of applications for remissions made by the ryots of Neelamangalam in respect of the crops for fasli 1333 and the amount covered by them ;

(e) the amount of remission granted ;

(f) the amount for which remission was recommended by the Revenue Inspector of the firka wherein the village is situate and by the Tahsildar of the taluk ;

(g) the amount of arrears outstanding at the end of fasli 1333 for that village ; and

(h) the extent of lands ordered to be sold for the said arrears of land revenue, the amount covered by the sale notification and that actually realized ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) to (h) The Government have no information.

Judicial and Executive Functions.

Proposals for the separation of judicial and executive functions

345 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state at what stage the consideration by the Government of the proposals of the committee for the separation of judicial and executive functions is, and when the orders of the Government on the subject are likely to be issued ?

A.—The matter is now under the consideration of the Government of India.

Panchayat Courts.

Judicial panchayats in the Bellary district.

346 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many judicial panchayats have been formed in the district of Bellary under the new Act ;

(b) how many suits have been filed in each of them since their formation and how many have been disposed of by them and how many are still pending ;

(c) in how many suits they have executed the decrees passed by them ;

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- (d) whether they have been allotted any funds or given any staff to carry on their work or any process-servers working under them ;
 (e) whether they have been granted any stationery or forms or any contingent charges or any rent for a building for a court-house ; and
 (f) what steps the Government propose to take to remedy this defect ?

A.—(a) 46.

- (b) The annual reports on the working of these courts contain information for the district as a whole ; details for each court are not available.
 (c) The Government have no information.
 (d) Two process-servers on a monthly salary of Rs. 8 each are employed in two courts each having a file of over 200 cases.
 (e) Stationery worth Rs. 15 was supplied in 1923.
 (f) No defects in the working of the courts have been brought to the notice of the Government.

Village Panchayat Court at Rayadrug.

347 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether in the Village Panchayat Court at Rayadrug in the Bellary district 400 to 500 suits have been filed and are now pending without a decision ; and
 (b) whether the non-disposal is due to want of staff for the village court to carry on its work ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1448 answered on the 6th December 1924.

Police.*Promotion of two Assistant Superintendents of Police to the rank of District Superintendent.*

348 Q.—Rao Bahadur CRUZ FERNANDEZ : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently decided to promote two Assistant Superintendents of Police to the rank of District Superintendent ;
 (b) whether the Government have also decided to take away two of the Superintendents' posts reserved for the Provincial Service and to confirm the two Assistant Superintendents so promoted as District Superintendents of Police ; and
 (c) whether the Indian Officers Association has protested against the said decision of Government as being in contravention of the declared policy of Government to recruit 11 per cent of the District Superintendents from among the Provincial Service officers ?

A.—(a) Yes.

- (b) The case was a special one, the officers in question having been recruited from the Provincial Service.
 (c) Yes

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Public Works.

Terms offered to contractors for Coleroon bridge at Trichinopoly.

349 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the terms offered to contractors for tendering for materials or for building contract for Coleroon bridge at Trichinopoly ; and

(b) whether the Government will place the notification calling for such tenders on the table of this House ?

A.—(a) The Government have now decided to carry out the work on lump sum contract. The tender will be for the completion of the whole work (masonry and steel work) for a lump sum amount.

(b) Yes, on a receipt of a copy from the Superintending Engineer.

Temporary path in the Cauvery at Srirangam.

350 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the circumstances under which the temporary path in the Cauvery river at Srirangam is being formed before the hot weather at a cost of Rs. 30,000 per annum ; and

(b) the nature of the supervision of the work done, the person by whom the work is done, and the checks imposed for seeing that the amount is properly spent on the work in question ?

A.—(a) No temporary path across the Cauvery at Srirangam was proposed. Presumably the question refers to the temporary roadway across the Coleroon, the bridge across which collapsed in the unprecedented floods of July 1924. Pending the construction of a permanent bridge across the Coleroon, a temporary roadway was found necessary for trade purposes. Moreover, the President, District Board, Trichinopoly, reported that, during summer, the sandy bed of the river is very difficult to be traversed either by foot-passengers or by vehicular traffic owing to the inordinate heat developed by the sand which itself is very loose. Hence the necessity for the construction of a temporary roadway across the river.

(b) The work was done by a company of Sappers and Miners. The Military Engineers were not subject to supervision other than that of the Superintending Engineer who inspected the work in progress from time to time. Payments for work done were made by the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly division, to the Officer Commanding the company after actual measurements and check of work done.

Proposal for connecting the Cooum and the Harbour.

351 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage is the proposal for connecting the Cooum with the harbour or otherwise making it a tidal river ;

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(b) whether the Committee appointed to consider this question has reported on the matter; and

(c) if so, whether the report has been considered by the Government and any provision has been made in the next budget for starting the scheme?

A.—(a) The proposals are still under the consideration of Government.

(b) Yes.

(c) The question of providing funds in the next year's budget is under consideration.

Public Service.

Recommendations of the Lee Commission.

352 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the recommendations of the Lee Commission and in particular to the recommendation regarding the exercise by the Legislative Council of the powers conferred under the Government of India Act regarding enactment of a Public Services Act; and

(b) whether the local Government has applied to the Secretary of State or to the Government of India for the conferment by the Secretary of State of these powers?

A.—(a) & (b) The matter is under consideration.

The Staff Selection Board.

353 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) who are the examiners for the examinations held by the Staff Selection Board and who correct the answer papers of the candidates;

(b) the principles followed by the Staff Selection Board in recommending candidates for appointment; and

(c) how the result of the examinations is assessed by the Board in connexion with their choice of candidates?

A.—(a) & (c) These matters are left to the discretion of the Staff Selection Board.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 76, Public, dated 6th February 1924, which has been laid on the table of the Legislative Council.

Conference of the Barbers of the Godavari district.

354 Q.—Mr. B. OBALESAPPA: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received a copy of the Proceedings of the First Conference of the Barbers of the Godavari district held at Cocanada on 1st October 1924; and if so, whether the Government have taken any action, and if so, what action on the resolution, Nos. 4 to 7?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

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Collectorates.

Time-scale of pay to unpassed men in the Revenue Department.

355 Q.—MR. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to make a full statement of the reasons for not extending the time-scale of pay introduced in the year 1921 to unpassed men employed in the Revenue Department?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 265.

Deputy Collectors.

Deputy Collector in charge of Ramnad division.

356 Q.—MR. B. MUNISWAMI NAVUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. R. Subramaniya Ayyar, Deputy Collector in charge of Ramnad division, was recently transferred to be the Land Acquisition Officer for Virudhunagar-Tenkasi Railway; whether it is also a fact Mr. N. Koil Pillai, a senior Deputy Collector, was posted to that division and had actually gone to Ramnad to take over charge;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said Mr. Subramaniya Ayyar received telegraphic orders cancelling his transfer and Mr. D. Manikkam Pillai, an Indian Christian Deputy Collector of Devakottai, senior to Mr. Ayyar, was transferred to land acquisition duty; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Mr. Koil Pillai was asked to go to Devakottai after he had reached Ramnad and why this extraordinary step was taken in favour of the junior Deputy Collector Mr. Ayyar?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 142.

Settlement.

Re-settlement rates in the western taluks of the Bellary district.

357 Q.—MR. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the resolution passed by the Legislative Council in the beginning of December 1924 regarding the re-settlement rates in the western taluks of the Bellary district has been considered by the Government and final orders passed thereon; if so, whether he will place them on the table?

A.—The question is engaging the attention of Government.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Proposal of a paid chairman for the Trichinopoly municipality.

358 Q.—MR. MUHAMMAD GHUSE MIAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government proposed to appoint a full-time and paid chairman for the municipality of Trichinopoly; if so, when and on what salary?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

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Proposal for amending the District Municipalities Act.

359 Q.—MR. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government are proposing to amend the District Municipalities Act on a model with the Madras City Corporation Act?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Nomination of barbers community and washermen caste to local boards and municipalities.

360 Q.—MR. B. OBALESAPPA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing—

(a) the total number of members belonging to the barbers community nominated to all the union boards, taluk boards, district boards and municipalities;

(b) the total number of members belonging to the washermen caste in all the local boards and municipalities; and

(c) if the Government have no information, whether the Government will please call for the information?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Annual Civil List, 1925, which contains the names of persons appointed as members of district boards and municipal councils. Information is not readily available as to how many of these persons are 'barbers or washermen, nor have Government information about members of taluk or union boards.

(c) The Government do not consider it necessary to call for the information.

Exemption of co-operative societies from profession-tax, etc.

361 Q.—MR. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: With reference to the answer given on the 4th December 1924 to question No. 1376, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state if the question of exempting co-operative societies from payment of fees under the Companies Act and of profession-tax has been decided, and if so, to what effect?

A.—The question is still under the consideration of the Government.

Medical.*Qualified practitioners under the new rural medical scheme.*

362 Q.—MR. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the taluk board presidents will be at liberty to appoint qualified practitioners of proved merit in the indigenous systems of medicine to serve in dispensaries under the new rural medical scheme?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

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Public Works.

Extension of railway bridges over the Pedda Hagari river.

363 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme for the extension of the railway bridges over the Pedda Hagari river so as to admit of ordinary vehicular traffic has been sanctioned by the Government; if so, at what cost and whether the whole cost will be borne by the Government;

(b) whether the work is in progress and when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether there is urgent and imperative need for the construction of a bridge for crossing the Chinna Hagari river at the village of Hagari Bommanahalli in the Hadagalli taluk in the Bellary district?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1530 included in the official report of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the 6th December 1924, with reference to the announcement of the hon. the President on the 4th December 1924.

Education.

Boarding and lodging facilities for non-Brahman students in the Teachers' College, Saidapet.

364 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* by the Principal of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, stating that non-Brahman students must make their own arrangements about meals but that Brahman students have got boarding and lodging facilities;

(b) the reason for this distinction and why it is not possible to make similar arrangements for non-Brahman students also;

(c) the number of students in the Teachers' College including the L.T. and Secondary grade teachers; and

(d) if the number of non-Brahman students is small, whether any difficulty is experienced in providing them with the same meals which is available to the Brahman students as is done in the Victoria Hostel?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The reason is that the number of non-Brahman students in the past has been very small, but in practice, the college authorities do make provision for students other than Brahmans and offer them full facilities.

(c) The number of students in the hostel [which is presumably what the hon. Member means under item (c)] is 93.

(d) In the case of any non-Brahman student so desiring, no difficulty would be experienced in providing him with the same meals as the Brahman students. There are instances in which this has been done. Generally non-Brahmans prefer their own

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messes of which this year there are eight in all. These consist of small groups of students from different parts of the Presidency who at their own request run their messes.

Establishment of a lower secondary school in Stonehousepet, Nellore.

365 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction refused to sanction the establishment of a lower secondary school in Stonehousepet in Nellore municipality even though the Municipal Council of Nellore was prepared to bear the entire net cost of it;

(b) if so, the reasons for the refusal; and

(c) whether it is not also a fact that the proposal of establishing the said school was approved by the Municipal Council, District Educational Officer and the District Secondary Education Board of Nellore?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The reasons are set forth in the Director of Public Instruction's Endorsement R.O.C. No. 1019-B/24, dated 23rd September 1924, a copy of which is laid on the table.^a

(c) The answer is in the affirmative.

Veterinary.

Veterinary dispensary in Kistna district.

366 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in Kistna district every taluk has been provided with a veterinary dispensary this year;

(b) if so, the cost of the new arrangements; and

(c) why the same sort of consideration has not been shown to Nellore district which is considered to be a cattle centre?

A.—(a) No such arrangement has yet been sanctioned.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“As we have agreed to rise early to-day, that is, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, I propose that the House should go on without rising formally for lunch. That will compensate for the loss of the extra hour without our having trespass on some other day for that purpose.”

II

THE COCHIN PORT TRUST BILL.

* The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM:—“Sir, I am perfectly prepared to go on with this business but I think there is a feeling entertained on the part of some hon. Members here that the time allotted for the discussion of the budget should not be encroached upon. If therefore hon. Members prefer

^a Printed as Appendix III on pages 781-782 infra.

* An asterisk at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.

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that this matter may be postponed till the 30th of this month, I shall have no objection. I formally move for the adjournment of this item to the 30th of March."

Diwan Babadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I second the motion."

The motion was put and carried. The discussion of the Bill was postponed to the 30th of March or such other date as might be fixed later on,

III

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Before we proceed to the next order of the day, the general discussion of the budget, I should like to mention that under sub-rule (iii) of rule 28 of the Legislative Council Rules, I have fixed, according to the practice hitherto followed, a time-limit of 15 minutes for each hon. Member's speech during that discussion. The afternoon of the third day will be at the disposal of hon. Members of the Government to make their replies."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, if the calendar of voting of grants has been settled ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have just received a message from His Excellency the Governor on the subject and I have had hardly time to read it in the intervals of our discussion. I promise to let hon. Members know about it this afternoon."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" Is it a final one or a preliminary one that has been sent for your consideration ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I believe it has been sent to me for opinion, but I will let hon. Members know all about it in due course."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" May I request you, Sir, to consult the Leader of the Opposition before you send your opinion ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Yes ; I mean to consult him ; and further I mean to put the whole matter before the House."

" I should mention now that I was sorry to have had to pass over a number of hon. Members last year at the general discussion of the budget ; and if any of those hon. Members wish to have an early chance this time, I should like to give them precedence."

* Mr. P. O. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" Mr. President, Sir, the hon. the Finance Member, I hope, will not be surprised if I say that the budget presented by him is both disappointing and unsatisfactory. It is not unsatisfactory simply because it is a deficit budget. Even deficit budgets can be satisfactory if the deficit is the result of causes which are beyond human control. But if the Government did not take precautions to observe strict economy in the administration and effect retrenchment in all directions, it cannot be called wise. We find in this budget that great sums of money are provided for maintaining useless institutions and posts. Great sums of money are provided to be wasted on erection of public buildings which have no utility commensurate with the expenditure which is involved in their construction and which will certainly be involved in their maintenance hereafter. The increase in the cost of Government without meeting the growing needs of the nation—developing departments calls for the severest condemnation. The